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## CHILDREN PERISH

Hurled by Explosion Into the River Maine.

## EIGHTY BODIES RECOVERED.

More Than One Hundred and Fifty Persons Injured By the Explosion in the Chemical Works—Flames Burst Out a Second Time and People Rushed Panic Stricken—Women and Children Trampled Under Foot.

Frankfort, April 26.—By 11 o'clock this morning eighty bodies had been recovered from the debris at the Electro Chemical works, near Grishelm, but there are still many missing. About one hundred and fifty persons were injured, many of them seriously. The work of fighting the flames proceeded throughout the entire night, though the danger of further explosions was regarded as averted at midnight. The search of the ruins continues. The scenes which occurred throughout the night were most distressing. Villagers and survivors were groping about the ruins in search of relatives and comrades and endeavoring to recognize in the charred bodies or dismembered and mutilated corpses the identity of missing friends. The flames gutted Marx and Mueller's chemical factory and a part of the Grishelm Color works.

A number of children who were hurled by the explosion into the river Maine were drowned before the rescuers could reach them. Several firemen are among the victims. A special train with relief firemen and additional doctors and nurses was sent to the scene of the disaster this morning. A number, who, it was feared, had perished, reported themselves this morning.

This afternoon the flames burst out with renewed fierceness and, after the explosion of a great benzine reservoir at 11 o'clock, the fire spread so that every one in the village of Grishelm and its vicinity vacate their premises forthwith. The inhabitants fled, panic-stricken with such possessions as they could hastily collect, most of them coming to Frankfort. Even the firemen, salvagers and soldiers left the scene of the disaster. The railroad service to Grishelm is suspended on account of the danger.

Frankfort, April 26.—E30 p. m. it transpires that during the terrorized flight this morning a number of women and children were thrown down and trampled under foot.

The danger of fresh explosions necessarily retards the drawing up of a correct death roll, but later reports do indicate that this is so large as was at first reported.

## NO DEFINATE DECISION.

Great Britain May Yet Bring Up Alaskan Boundary Matter.

London, April 26.—No definite decision has yet been reached by the foreign office here regarding the probable attitude of the United States senate toward the projected Nicaragua canal treaty. The negotiations proceeding on the subject of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in this connection are understood to be based on the principle of the neutrality of the canal. It is said that the United States is content to make the canal neutral.

## MAY PREVENT CONSOLIDATION.

New York, April 26.—Legal steps have been taken to prevent the contemplated consolidation of the Boston and Montana and Rutte and Boston Copper companies with the Amalgamated Copper Co. A temporary injunction was granted by Vice Chancellor Pitney in Jersey City, restraining the Amalgamated Copper Co from purchasing control of the stocks of the two companies until the full terms of the proposed deal will be made and fully disclosed to the stockholders. The order is returnable on May 6, when a hearing will take place at Jersey City, at which the officials of the Amalgamated Copper Co will be called on to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent. The application for the injunction is signed by Calvin O. Geer, who states that he is the owner and holder of 104 shares of stock of the Amalgamated Copper Co.

## NO INDICATIONS OF SUCCESS.

London, April 26.—A representative of the Associated Press learns that Great Britain is not relaxing her efforts to induce the powers to decrease their pecuniary demands on China and substitute for a portion of their claims commercial agreements. The latest advice from the British minister at Peking, Sir Ernest Satow, do not indicate any degree of success so far, owing, it is said, to opposition on the part of Germany, who continues to insist on the payment in full of the large indemnity she claims. Mr. Rockhill, the American special commissioner at Peking and Sir Ernest Satow are said to be working on identical lines.

## RACING AT SANDOWN PARK.

London, April 26.—At the second day's racing of the Sandown Park season spring meeting to-day the Prince of Wales handicap, of 500 sovs at five furlongs, was won by H. J. King's Esmeralda II, with Lester Reiff in the saddle. Mr. Richard Croker's Harrow, "Johnnie" Reiff up, came in second, and Nalband, finished third. Nine horses ran.

## NATIVES ARE ACTIVE.

Attempt to Establish a New Party in Honolulu.

Honolulu, April 19, via San Francisco, April 26.—The proposal which Delegate Wilcox brought back from Washington that the native home rule party become republican, has aroused great political activity and is being very much discussed in political circles. It is stated that the plan was proposed to Wilcox by Senator Cullom and that the president showed interest in the conversion of the natives of Hawaii to republicanism.

The result of the proposal and its endorsement by a majority of the native party leaders is that both parties affected are more or less split over it. The republican party has for some time been divided into the elements known as missionary and anti-missionary, and it is with the latter, or anti-missionary party, that the plan is being discussed. The native party is divided into the elements known as missionary and anti-missionary, and it is with the latter, or anti-missionary party, that the plan is being discussed. The native party is divided into the elements known as missionary and anti-missionary, and it is with the latter, or anti-missionary party, that the plan is being discussed.

In the steps they have taken so far the natives have refused to drop their name of independent home rulers and have only added republican to that name.

A complete turn-down of all the nominations sent to the legislature by Governor Dole is threatened. The independent have been holding caucuses on the subject and they would like to turn down all the men the governor named and who are now holders of the offices for which the executive nominates them. The home rulers have a list of their own of men whom they would like to see in office. Under the organic act the governor may leave the offices unfilled until the legislative session and then appoint his own choices.

Delegate Wilcox has come out in opposition to the idea of trying to turn down the appointments. He has advised the other party leaders not to issue the reform edicts, but many of them reject his advice.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the exiled Chinese revolutionist, arrived in Honolulu last night on the steamship Nippon Maru. Dr. Sun was born in Hawaii and graduated from the University of Hawaii. He is the leading spirit in the attempted revolutionary coup d'etat at Canton in '94. Since that time he has been an exile from Canton with a price on his head. His views of the Chinese situation and of the Bow Wong, or reform, society, which is said to have nearly 10,000 members in Hawaii, will be a bombshell to many local Chinese who have been led to join the organization and support it.

Dr. Sun says that the Bow Wong is useless and will end in an ineffectual career amid internal dissensions that have already begun. Already some of the millionaire members in Singapore have withdrawn their support from him. Even in Hawaii, members are asking what there is to show for the millions that have been subscribed to the society.

The revolutionary party has the real strength of the reform and progressive element in China, according to Dr. Sun. Its membership extends throughout China in secret societies that are waiting their chance. Instead of striking for the return of the Emperor Kwang Hsu to power and trying to induce him to issue the reform edicts, the party is supposed to have caused his dethronement, the revolutionary party wants absolute abolition of the Manchu dynasty and the establishment of a republican form of government in China.

## OPPOSED TO LARGE ARMY.

Filling the Posts With Thousands of Men Make Lazy Soldiers.

Denver, Col., April 26.—The Rocky Mountain News today prints an interview with General H. C. Merriam, commander of the department of Colorado, in which he is quoted as being opposed to a large standing army.

According to the interview the general said: "As to the regular army, the number which has been decided upon by the Washington authorities is quite enough. We do not need 100,000 men in a regular army. What we do need is a small and thoroughly drilled, disciplined and equipped body that is not afraid to work and is ready for any emergency. A lazy soldier is a bad soldier, and it would be a menace to the country to fill the posts with thousands of men who are doing nothing. Officers and men should be kept constantly employed and they are then kept out of mischief. We have no need for a large standing army."

## MILLIONAIRE HORSE OWNER.

New York, April 26.—Francis D. Beard, the millionaire horse owner, died early to-day at his home at Lakewood, N. J. Mr. Beard went under an operation for appendicitis Sunday and at first it was believed he would recover but a change for the worse was noticed last evening. Mr. Beard has for years been a prominent exhibitor at the National horse shows and his horse, Lazzarone won the Suburban handicap several years ago. He was the owner of the Prince of Melbourne, and many other famous horses. He inherited a large fortune from his father.

## ONE MAN KILLED.

Philadelphia, April 26.—A passenger train on the North Pennsylvania railroad ran down a hand car to-day on which were several members of the royal gang. Harry Detwiler was instantly killed and Joseph Moffett seriously injured. The others escaped injury by jumping.

## STEAMER CAROLINA SUNK.

London, April 26.—A dispatch from Cadiz says the new Dutch steamer Carillon, from Amsterdam for Rotterdam, Dutch East Indies, grounded in deep water and foundered. All on board were saved and landed at Cadiz.

## LILLEY ON THE COMMITTEE

Appointed to Redistrict Congressional Districts.

The First Friday Session Lacked a Quorum—Business Went on Just the Same—Bill Concerning Stained Glass in Factories—Notes from the Committee Rooms.

Hartford, April 26.—This is the first Friday that the Connecticut legislature has tried to do business, and the result was that there was no quorum present when Speaker Light rapped for order. Several matters on the calendar and otherwise that required attention were disposed of.

Speaker Light announced the names of the special committee appointed for the purpose of redistricting the state into five congressional districts. The following were appointed: King, Windham; Lilley, Waterbury; Pearce, Middletown; Whitteley, Danbury; Freeman, Hartford; Donovan, New Haven; Hangerford, New Milford; Lathrop, Norwich.

The bill prohibiting manufacturers from using stained glass when injurious to the eyes of employees, and upon request to remove same by factory inspector, was reported favorably.

A bill exempting firemen who have served five years from paying poll or military tax was rejected.

The bill providing that railroad companies carry bicycles free of charge was rejected.

The temperance committee is having a very lively controversy over the high license bill, raising the license to \$1,000 and limiting saloons to one for each 1,000 residents. There are two or three pronounced prohibitionists on the committee who would like to see the high enough to drive out of the saloons out of business, but they see the force of the claim that a license too high would result in hundreds of unlicensed "kitchen" saloons. Senator Kenely conferred with the committee at its private session, Wednesday afternoon, in favor of a conservative course. It is probable that some increase of the license will be recommended, but it is thought that the increase will not exceed \$100 to \$150 on full licenses.

A story was afloat around the Capitol Wednesday afternoon that Representative E. F. Thompson of East Haven had been offered a bribe to vote for the Derby extension of the Fair Haven and Westfield trolley. It now turns out that the alleged offer was made to "Benny" Silverthorn of New Haven, whom nobody takes seriously. Mr. Silverthorn admits that he told Representative Thompson that if he would vote for the extension he would receive \$10,000. He says that he did not lose anything by it. State Attorney Williams heard of the matter and wrote Mr. Thompson that if the facts were put in his possession he would investigate the matter. It is thought by those best acquainted with the facts that no further steps will be taken. It is conceded that whatever offer or proposition was made to Mr. Thompson by Silverthorn, it was made on his own personal responsibility and he was serious in the alleged offer.

Senator Burton yesterday secured the passage of the resolution amending the charter of the Connecticut Railway & Lighting company to enable the company to extend its trolley line from Waterbury to Watertown, from Watertown through Wolcott to Southington, to build new lines in Norwalk and to sell electricity in that town to Watertown. The bill names the Connecticut Railway & Lighting company as the purchaser of the property of the Central Railway & Electric company, Southington & Plainville Tramway company, Waterbury Traction company, Milford Street Railway company, Derby Street Railway company, the Shelton Street Railway company, Bridgeport Traction company, the Norwalk Street Railway company, the Norwalk Tramway company, the Westport & Naugatuck Street Railway company, Naugatuck Electric Light company, the Norwalk Gas Light company, and the Greenwich Gas & Electric Lighting company.

## DOG INJURES CHILD.

Girl Attempted to Pet St Bernard and Was Attacked By the Brute.

Paterson, N. J., April 26.—Nellie Herman, 10 years old, was attacked by a St Bernard dog and so horribly lacerated that her life is despaired of. The child lived in No 38 of Main street. She was playing in the yard of her home when a huge St Bernard dog came in. The child, wishing to make friends with the brute, called to him and put out her hands to pat him. She had no sooner done so than the brute, with a savage growl, sprang upon her, tearing her scalp in a horrible manner and sinking his teeth deep in her face. The child's screams brought members of her family and neighbors to her assistance and the dog was beaten off. One of the neighbors shot the brute, killing it. The injured child was taken to the general hospital, where she is said to be sinking rapidly.

## UPHOLDS HORSEWHIPPING.

Each Juror Shakes Hand of Man Who Assaulted a Physician.

Little Falls, N. Y., April 26.—A remarkable scene was witnessed in the court house in Herkimer when the grand jury finished investigating the case of Aloys Brambach, the piano manufacturer of Deloitville.

Brambach was held for action of the grand jury for publicly horsewhipping Dr. W. G. Mangold of Deloitville. The jury refused to find an indictment and summoned Brambach before it, and each juror shook hands with the accused man and told him he should have thrashed Mangold harder.

## COURT ROOM CROWDED.

Charles R. Eastman, the Prisoner, Appeared Quite Cheerful.

Cambridge, Mass., April 26.—After three days given up to what may be called the "trial of the century," the case of Charles R. Eastman, the Harvard instructor who is charged with the murder of Richard H. Grogan, Jr., the government this morning directed attention to the revolvers which figured in the tragedy. The court room was crowded, as has been the case since the beginning of the trial, and a notable feature was the presence of a number of law students from Harvard university. Eastman, the defendant, appeared quite cheerful to-day.

Karl A. Lounin, Jr., an employee of the Clarke Lens factory, who knew both Eastman and Grogan, the first witness to-day, identified all the revolvers which have been submitted in connection with the case as those he had seen and handled, on the Clarke estate.

## DRUGGISTS AGAINST GROCERS.

Say They Are a Menace to the Community Because They Sell Drugs.

Bridgetown, N. J., April 26.—The druggists of this section have united to bring about the stoppage of the custom of grocers selling drugs. The custom not only hurts their business but is exceedingly dangerous, they say. Most of the grocery stores, especially in the less thickly settled part of the county, sell drugs. The druggists say that the bottles prepared in Philadelphia, but in many cases common and dangerous drugs can be purchased in various quantities, the grocers keeping them in bulk, as the druggists do.

The most deadly poisons, which a druggist cannot sell without a lot of red tape, are dealt in by men who know nothing about them, and anyone can buy them without trouble. Only a short time ago, Mrs. Coleman sent to a grocery store for Epsom salts. She received saltpetre, and the result was a narrow escape from death.

Henry McGee went to a grocer's for a bottle of Jamaica ginger. He took some of the contents of the bottle given to him and fell asleep. He never awoke, and the bottle was found to contain laudanum.

The druggists say that much of the infant mortality results from the free use of the grocery drugs.

## NO REPRESENTATION.

Georgia Troops Will Not Participate in Rifle Matches.

Atlanta, Ga., April 26.—A special from Savannah, Ga., says:

The Georgia troops will send no representatives to Sea Girt this year to participate in the rifle matches to be held under the auspices of the New Jersey Rifle association. The officers of the central military organizations at a conference here last night unanimously agreed that this state should send no representation as long as the members of the Sea Girt team remain in the state. It was in 1890, when the Georgia team, it is alleged, was not given its just rights and trophies in the matches.

The Georgians issued a challenge to meet representatives of any state in the union on any range save Sea Girt, and for any prize or amount. The challenge is issued by the officers and former members of the Sea Girt team.

## CONGER HAS ARRIVED.

San Francisco, Cal., April 26.—Edwin H. Conger, United States minister to China, accompanied by his wife, daughter and Miss Pierce, arrived from China on the steamer Nippon Maru. Owing to quarantine regulations and the necessity of giving personal supervision to the landing of his baggage, Mr. Conger did not reach his hotel until 8 o'clock in the evening. His arrival was awaited with considerable interest, not only on account of his connection with events in China, but from a political standpoint. There was a great desire to know what position he would assume with reference to the coming gubernatorial nomination in Iowa.

## DENIED THE PETITION.

Helena, Mont., April 26.—The supreme court has denied the petition of United States Senator William A. Clark and C. W. Clark to be allowed to withdraw the bond of three Montana Ore Purchasing Co. officers. P. A. Heinze is principal owner, in the suit of the latter against the Amalgamated Copper Co. The court dismissed the petition "for the reason that the bond was not a contract and is not sufficient to warrant the relief demanded, or any relief, or to invoke any action in the premises." The bond amounted to about \$1,000,000.

## SWEDISH METHODISTS.

New York, April 26.—The new eastern Swedish conference, which was organized yesterday, closed its sessions to-day. Bishop Goodsell read the appointments, which include the following in the New York district: Olin Johnson, presiding, Ansonia, Conn.; G. Nyström, Bridgeport; Stratford, Conn.; J. E. Hillberg, Hartford, Conn.; O. W. Johnson.

## STRUCK BY TROLLEY.

East Haven, April 26.—Eddie Turner, aged 5, ran in front of a trolley car to-day and received injuries which will probably prove fatal.

## WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, April 26.—Forecast for Connecticut: Fair to-night and Saturday; warmer Saturday; fresh to brisk north winds.

Weather Notes.—The storm which has prevailed in this vicinity for several days has now passed out to sea. Snow and rain was reported this morning from Montana, but pleasant weather prevailed in all other sections. Conditions favor for this vicinity pleasant weather and slightly higher temperatures.

## STUDENTS' SPRING HATS

The Cause of a Hot Fight at Princeton.

Sophs Objected to the Youngsters Donning Spring Head Gear at This Time—Three Hundred Freshmen Attacked—Bruised Heads, Black Eyes and Broken Hats Were Plenty After the Fracas.

Princeton, N. J., April 26.—A class fight between the freshmen and sophomores took place at the entrance of Marquand chapel to-day, immediately before morning services. Hostilities were renewed at the close of services and the fight was the fiercest and longest that has been seen here in five years. A fortnight ago many of the first year men appeared in new spring hats, which prompted the sophomores to an attack in the former for prematurely donning spring headgear. Neither side was decidedly victorious. Not to be baffled in their attempt to put off their year work caps and wear spring hats instead, the 300 freshmen marched a body to the chapel this morning conspicuously displaying the new acquisitions. The "sophs" were out in god force and the fight was on as soon as the freshmen rounded the corner. Despite the efforts of the proctors and college police the struggle lasted fully an hour. No serious injuries resulted, but black eyes and bruised noses are to be seen on all sides. The battle was not decisive, each class losing a number of hats.

## DEATH OF "TOM" MALLEY.

Well Known Waterbury Man Passed Away To-day.

Thomas J. Malley, one of Waterbury's well known residents, died this morning at his home, 44 Bridge street. He had been ailing for the past few months, but had managed to keep about the house until a week ago, when he was obliged to take to the bed, and sank rapidly until the end came. Mr. Malley was born in Roscommon, Ireland, sixty-five years ago, but went to England with his parents in his boyhood and remained there until 1867, when he came to the United States and settled in Baltimore, Md. He was identified with the Fenian movement and had a personal acquaintance with most of those who were prominent in the organization from the time it came into existence up to the present day. For it is not yet dead, as Mr. Malley frequently exclaimed when discussing the merits of the Fenian cause, "I have been in this country since the Fenians were over in England they took up a residence in Manchester. Fenianism was rampant all over the British possessions at that time and it was nothing more than natural that young Malley should have been in the Fenian movement. He was himself with a movement that promised to break the link that bound Ireland to England and give the country of his birth a place among the nations of the earth, so he went into the cause with all the ardor of his manhood and was a trusted member of the society during the remainder of his life. While devoting a fair share of his time to this organization, he never lost sight of his own personal affairs and, during his residence at Manchester he was the proprietor of what was known as the American house, which was a rendezvous for the Fenian Irishmen of the place and this in its turn rendered him a marked man among the authorities. He was a leading citizen at Manchester when Allen, Larkin and O'Brien were arrested and executed for the shooting of Sergeant Brett. He was accidentally killed in one of the public streets of that place while guarding a van containing Sergeant Kelly and other Americans whom the government were trying on a charge of endeavoring to upset her majesty's rule in Ireland. Malley did all in his power to have the trial postponed until the feeling over the death of Brett had calmed down, and many of the most prominent men in England took this view of the question. Mr. Gladstone pleading earnestly, but in vain, for a postponement of the trial. But we shall not dwell upon this subject, suffice it to say that Allen, Larkin and O'Brien were given a mock trial, convicted and executed with a ruse. Things were very warm for advocates of the Irish cause in Manchester at that time and before the authorities were aware of his absence, Mr. Malley arrived in the United States. Before leaving he registered a vow never to revisit the old country during the reign of Queen Victoria, and he kept his word. Since the death of the then reigning crown head, Mr. Malley decided to take a trip to his friends in the old world, but sickness set in upon him and he did not live to carry out his plans.

About twenty years ago he married Miss Ellen Cregan at Washington, D. C., who, with one daughter, Mrs. James Murphy, survive him. During his residence at Baltimore and Washington he was a waiter in some of the principal hotels in these places and could tell interesting reminiscences of eminent men whom he had met at the different places where he had been employed. He served for a time in the navy and was a member of William's post, G. A. R., of this city. Mr. Malley came to Waterbury twenty years ago and engaged in the liquor business and made a success of it. He was a strong character and in his day and time performed deeds of daring that required more grit and courage than the most ordinary mortal. He hoped to live to see the land of his birth free and independent but like many others who cherished that feeling, he passed to his reward without witnessing the realization of the dreams and aspirations of his youth and manhood. Besides his widow and daughter he leaves one brother, John Malley, of Manchester, England. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon.

## MRS RATHBUN UNMOVED.

Her Trial For Murder Seems to Have No Terror for Her.

New Haven, April 26.—The trial of Mrs. Maria Rathbun for the murder of her husband, William Rathbun, by poisoning on December 21, 1900, was on in earnest all day yesterday, before Judge Elmer and a jury in the criminal side of the superior court.

The jury was completed at 10:20 o'clock. Brakeman John F. Hart, convicted of adultery with Mrs. Rathbun, and who boarded with the Rathbuns for twelve years, was on the stand all the morning and until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. His testimony covered all his relations with Mrs. Rathbun and the family.

During the afternoon Coroner Mix read the stenographic reports of his examination of Mrs. Rathbun in the police building the night of the death of William Rathbun, and before she was arrested, charged with causing the death. According to the report, Mrs. Rathbun admitted having improper relations with Hart, after first denying it. She denied that she had any poison in the house.

A sensation was sprung in the trial this morning when the stenographic report of Coroner Mix was produced. According to the story told by Mrs. Rathbun to the coroner she knew how the poison came into the house. She told the coroner falsehoods in her previous statements. She spoke to her husband about the poison and he laughingly said, "It is a good chance to get Johnny out of the way." Mrs. Rathbun sat unmoved during to-day's trial.

## SEIZURE OF GAME BIRDS.

Shipped in Violation of the Federal Law, Known as Lacey Act.

Chicago, April 26.—State Game Commissioner H. W. Loveday, acting under United States government, has made what is believed to be the greatest seizure of game birds on record. More than 22,000 quail, grouse and ducks have been confiscated because they were shipped in violation of the federal law known as the Lacey act. Suits are to be instituted to-day against forty-eight men charged with the shipment of game birds into Illinois contrary to law.

Of the total number of birds seized over 21,000 were quail. There were about 700 prairie chickens taken, and less than fifty each of ruffed grouse and ducks. A few birds were taken by the authorities at the same time that the dead game was seized.

## BURGLAR DROWNED

Pursued By the Sheriffs, He Jumped Into the River.

Chicago, April 26.—A special to the Tribune from Omaha says: Hard pressed by three constables, a burglar, thought to be Z. C. Worley, leaped into the Missouri river at Ponton, Ia., and perished in midstream in full view of his pursuers. By chance a farmer here upon the burglar's body, hidden in his field, and for two nights a squad of men lay and watched, surprising the thief last night. The fugitive made a bold dash for liberty, and was chased by the Missouri river, where he plunged in. The constables had set off from shore when they saw their man disappear. The current washed the body into shallow water, where it was recovered some time afterwards. A book in the dead man's pocket bore the name of Z. C. Worley.

## ARE STILL MISSING.

Nothing Heard From the Two Hall Girls up to Last Night.

Derby, April 26.—The Hall sisters, who were missing from this place and who mysteriously disappeared on Wednesday night, after attending a dance, in Derby, have not yet been heard from. The police have been notified by the girls' parents, but no clue as to their whereabouts has been obtained up to a late hour last night. The young women were formerly in the employ of the A. H. & C. B. Alling company, but failed to appear at the mills in Derby yesterday. The relatives were greatly annoyed over the missing girls and cannot imagine what has become of them.

## CITY NEWS.

Former Secretary of State Huber Clarke was in town to-day.

The Elks minstrels will hold a full dress rehearsal in Poli's to-night.

A sixty page covered blank book for 5 cents at the Democrat office. Handy for store or counting room.

The third annual dance of the Simonsville Social club was held in their hall last night and attracted a large attendance.

The thirty-first annual report of the board of agents of the Bronson library fund has been printed in pamphlet form and contains much valuable information relative to the institution.

Miss Mary Wolff, hair dresser, 140 North Main street, brought her sister Lizzie, aged 17, from Pennsylvania about a week ago. This morning Lizzie left the house with a shawl on her head. The young girl has not been seen since. Any one who may happen to know the whereabouts of the girl should notify the authorities at once. The girl is timid and a stranger, and her sister fears she may have wandered away.

O. W. Cornish of 20 Henry street has begun suit against the Geary Bros. who operate a piano store on East Main street and the plaintiff wants their agent or canvasser to be removed from the store and made some payments on it. The agreement being that payments should be made on the time system. Then he claims the defendants stopped paying him his salary and he accordingly ceased the payments on his piano. Meanwhile he continued in their employ. Some time ago the defendant tried to induce Cornish to resume his payments. His suit against them is the result. Judge Peasley represented Mr. Cornish.

## RIGNEY ON TOP

He Refuses to Answer Questions About Copper.

## NEXT MOVE NOW AWAITED.

Mayor Kilduff Is Silent on the Subject To-day—City Attorney Kellogg Is Out of Town, so is the Close Mounded Sheriff—In the Meantime Where is the Copper?

The attitude of Sheriff Rigney at last night's investigation of the copper mystery by the board of public safety is surprising to all except those who know of his hobby for appearing to "know it all." It is the general opinion of those whose duty it is to follow this matter up that in accepting the oath to tell all he knew about the affair and then refusing to speak Rigney overstepped himself and made himself liable to a fine for contempt. The public is anxious to have this matter cleared up and Rigney as an officer, should deem it his duty to enlighten the public, that is if it is in his power to do so.

There is this significant fact about the matter: Rigney was never yet known to conceal anything, whether goods or information if he knew anything about it. Another fact: If the copper had been recovered by the owner, the chances are, in fact it is more than probable that the owner would have let it be known. At least so the police think. Rigney would have declared the fact with a blast of trumpets had he been successful in removing the copper. It is decided that his presence on the scene was to remove the copper and his silence regarding his actions after leaving the place is considered as a failure.

Mayor Kilduff was asked this morning if the charter did not give the board power to punish any witness that had been legally subpoenaed before it for refusing to give testimony. And Chief of Police Egan is confident that sections 160, 167, and 168 of the general statutes gives the board power to commit a reluctant witness to jail for refusing to testify after he has been sworn.

So far as known there is only one reason why a witness can be excused for refusing to testify before any municipal board of this city, because all of the boards, at least the boards of aldermen, safety and works, have the power of a criminal court, and that is because his testimony may tend to criminate himself.

In this matter there is no such element as criminating oneself, except in the case of any of the officers who may on the testimony be charged with removing the copper from the grounds where it was discovered by Detective Cahery. Rigney could not be held for such an offense because he was engaged as an officer of the state to recover the copper by the owners of it. At least so he claims. Consequently under his own statement he could not be interfered with.

Mayor Kilduff was asked if he had consulted the city attorney before summoning Rigney and his companion, James F. Lunny, and he smiled. He was asked if he would consult the city attorney regarding the reluctance of Rigney and Lunny and he said he had taken care of that matter. He was asked what he would do in the premises and again he smiled for an answer. The mayor was busy at the time and was not ready for an interview on this matter.

## THE LIQUOR CASES.

Mrs Sarah Dunphy Advised to Contest Her Case.

The druggists who were found guilty of violating the liquor laws some time ago and who therefore, according to Prosecuting Agent Pierce, shall lose their liquor license, held a meeting this afternoon in the office of Burpee and Oarmody to decide upon some action to oppose Mr. Pierce. The druggists' counsel claim that two convictions are necessary to make the druggists come within the law, while Mr. Pierce insists that only one is necessary.

Regarding the liquor dealers against whom there are two convictions all of them have secured with the prosecuting agent, excepting Mrs. Sarah Dunphy of Brooklyn. She has been advised by her counsel, John O'Neill to contest her case. Suit was accordingly begun to-day against her bondsman who is her husband Chris, the papers having been served. Hiram Jacob, county treasurer is the complainant and he asks \$500 damages.

## DEATH ON THE RAIL.

White Woman the Wife of a Colored Fisherman.

Milford, April 26.—Trainmen on the East Bridgeport express train for New Haven, to-day discovered on the track near Woodmont the badly mutilated remains of a woman. Although no positive identification had been made up to 2 o'clock, it was pretty certain that the woman was Mrs. Willis Story, aged about 45, whose husband is a colored man, and a clam digger and fisherman. The man has not been located. Dr. Heady, the medical examiner, says there is no doubt but what the woman was killed by a train, but if she were not, it would be impossible to tell, as she was badly mutilated.